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SUBJECT: PAK/BANGLADESH AIR AGREEMENT

1. LEADING URDU LANGUAGE DAILY NAWA-I-WAQT REPORTS MAY 25 THAT A BANGLADESH CIVIL AVIATION TEAM WILL BE ARRIVING ISLAMABAD JUNE 2. TEAM WILL DISCUSS WITH GOP CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED SOMETIME IN JUNE.

2. FIRST SECRETARY, BANGLADESH EMBASSY, TOLD EMBOFF MAY 24 THAT BANGLADESH BIMAN WANTS TO ESTABLISH DACCA-KARACHI FLIGHT WHICH WOULD CONTINUE ON TO EUROPE. BDG NOT INTERESTED IN ANY OTHER ROUTES TO PAKISTAN OR IN FLYING KARACHI-ISLAMABAD SINCE IT WOULD NOT BE PROFITABLE. BANGLADESH BIMAN CHAIRMAN WOULD LIKE TO SEE A "GOOD WILL" FLIGHT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, EVEN BEFORE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED, BUT BD EMBASSY HERE IS RECOMMENDING FLIGHTS NOT BEGIN UNTIL AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED AND SIGNED. DACCA-KARACHI FLIGHT TICKET PRICES WILL NOT BE SUBSIDIZED (AS THEY WERE IN THE UNITED PAKISTAN PERIOD.)

3. BANGLADESH EMBOFF ALSO SAID BDG PLANS TO SEND MFA OFFICIAL TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KARACHI WITHIN THE MONTH TO OPEN TRADE OFFICE. HE NOTED A NUMBER

OF BANGLADESHI BUSINESSMEN ARE VISITING KARACHI TO DISCUSS TRADE
OPPORTUNITIES AND THE EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD IS NOT ABLE TO GIVE
THEM NECESSARY ASSISTANCE. BDG EMBASSY ASSUMES GOP WILL OPEN
OFFICE IN CHITTAGONG ONCE BANGLADESH TRADE OFFICE ESTABLISHED
IN KARACHI.

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